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# INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**



Public Meeting
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 4



Public Meeting

Board of Appeals Meeting

Wednesday, November 5



Public Meeting
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 18



Public Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 19

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



City Event
Farmers Market 2025
April 12 - November 22



Community Event
Spooky Springs
Saturday, October 25



Community Event Georgia Wildlife in Winter Tuesday, October 28



Community Event
Sundown Social
LAST SUNDOWN SOCIAL IN 2025!
Thursday, October 30

### **TICKETED EVENTS**



Community Event
SSEF Lightning 5K and 10K
Saturday, October 25



City Springs Event
Blank Space: The Unofficial
Taylor Swift Tribute
Sunday, November 2



Community Event
The Elegant Elf Marketplace
November 8 - 9



Recreation Event

Paint Like Bob Ross

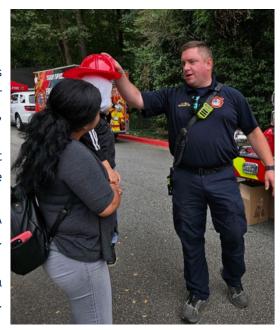
Saturday, November 8

## SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY

#### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS -FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A reported building fire in the 7000 block of Roswell Road. Smoke was found in an apartment, and a kitchen fire had been extinguished prior to arrival. No fire extension was found. The apartment was ventilated, and the scene was left with maintenance.
- A reported cooking fire in the 1000 block of Summer Way. A resident extinguished flames inside the oven before arrival. No hazards were found and maintenance was advised regarding appliance replacement.
- A reported motor vehicle accident on Highway 400 northbound. A
  vehicle was found off the road and on a guardrail. No injuries reported.
  Traffic was blocked for safety while EMS provided care.
- A reported gas leak in the 8000 block of Roswell Road. A resident left a burner on for several hours. No gas readings or hazards were found. The unit was aired out before fire department arrival.



- A reported smoke scare in the 6000 block of Roswell Road. Light smoke and electrical odors were found inside a restaurant. A rooftop HVAC breaker panel was found overheated with arcing. Power was shut down, and Georgia Power was notified. The business was evacuated and advised to seek electrical inspection.
- A reported police matter in the 7000 block of Peachtree Dunwoody Road. A vehicle drove over a curb into a retaining wall. No damage to the vehicle or injuries were reported. The scene was handled by police.
- A reported gas leak in the 1000 block of Franklin Place. Crews investigated an odor of gas but found no hazards. Atlanta Gas Light was requested to investigate further. All units returned to service.
- A reported cooking fire in the 6000 block of Peachtree Dunwoody Road. A grease fire had been extinguished before arrival. Minor damage and smoke were present. The unit was ventilated and the alarm system reset. No further hazards were found.



SSPD provides fuel to stranded motorist and celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday of one of the passengers

# POLICE DEPARTMENT - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On Tuesday, October 14, SSPD officers responded to an incident on Carroll Manor Drive. Upon arriving on scene, officers were fired upon after they entered the residence to check the resident's welfare. One officer suffered an injury to his thumb. The officers returned fire striking the suspect. After the Sandy Springs SWAT team arrived on scene, negotiators were able to get the suspect to exit the residence and turn himself in. Both the officer and suspect were transported to medical facilities and later released. The suspect was charged.
- SSPD officers attended a community engagement at Lowe's.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTEER UNIT

The VIP and COP units reported 227 total volunteer hours. The COP hours were composed of 13 patrol shifts patrolling a total of 595 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 26 house checks, 117 business checks, issued 10 handicap parking citations, handled seven private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted officers on 10 traffic related incidents.

# **PUBLIC WORKS**

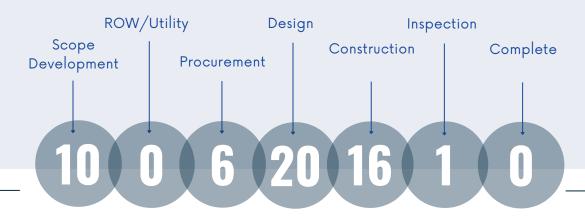
## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TSPLOST, AND TRANSPORTATION**

# What's happening in Sandy Spring Hammond Drive at Boylston Drive Intersection Improvements

The project to improve safety and operations of the Hammond Drive at Boylston Drive Intersection is awarded and the construction contractor has been issued Notice to Proceed to commence construction activities. Preliminary site clearing is planned to begin the week of October 26 with utility relocations then scheduled to take place over the next two to three months. The project is funded in part by a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) grant and loan.

### Project Summary One Project Currently On Hold





### Field Services

- T-3000 Pavement Maintenance
  - FY26 Resurfacing: Work began week of August 4, 2025.
  - Week of October 20
    - Overview Dr, Northside Dr, Mitchell Rd, Manchester Pl, Embassy Ct, Allen Rd, Sandy Springs Pl, Hilderbrand Dr, Garber Dr
  - Week of October 27
    - Hammond Dr, Riverside Dr, Powers Ferry Rd, Mount Paran Rd
- T-4000 City Beautification
  - Burdette Park project: Final design plans received. Project construction underway.
- T-7500 Guardrail Replacement Program
  - Work underway.

#### • T-9100 FY2021 Bridge Maintenance

Consultant conducted scoping study for 2023 bridge deficiency report awarded and underway. Results
will serve as baseline for the next bridge maintenance design contract. Purchase Order issued for design
work of required maintenance and repair work. Invitation to Bid (ITB) is currently posted with bids due
November 4, 2025.

#### • Right of Way Maintenance

- Bi-weekly mowing on I-285 and GA SR 400 began week of April 14, 2025. The season will end October 31, 2025.
- Mowing on City primary routes weekly throughout the growing season. Secondary roads on a monthly mowing cycle.
- o Citywide ROW litter removal services ongoing.
- Street Sweeping ongoing with most work performed in the evenings.
- Large sidewalk repairs Sidewalk repairs ongoing 133 repairs since January 2, 2025.
- Sidewalk Small Trip Hazard Removal completed for the year. 1,046 trip hazards removed on 53 streets.
- Sidewalk cleaning completed 20 miles of sidewalk.
- Pothole Repair Project 614 potholes/patches repaired since January 2, 2025. Public Works Field Superintendents surveying and marking potholes for repair. Please call our Call Center, 770-730-5600, to report potholes.

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#### • GA 811 Implementation

- Total Locate Requests received Year to Date (10/02/2025) 3530
- Locate Requests received this week 186

		LITTER	MOWING	STREET SWEEPING
Utilities Utility Permits Received 29 Permits Issued 14 Active Utility Permits 534	Roswell Road North	В	B+	A-
	Roswell Road South	Α	A-	А
Completed 1	Northridge	А	А	A-
City of Atlanta Water Active Water Leaks 43 Outstanding Restoration 18	Dunwoody Place	Α	B+	A-
	Abernathy	Α	А	A-
Street Lighting Requests for new streetlighting 0 Streetlight Petitions sent to residents 0	Sandy Springs Circle	Α	A-	A-
	Johnson Ferry	Α	В	B+
Lease agreements for signatures 1	I-285 Eastbound	A-	Α	N/A
Field Services Tree Removal 6	I-285 Westbound	A-	А	N/A
Sidewalk/Curbs 3 Potholes/Resurface 3	I-285 Interchanges	B-	A-	N/A
Walls/Fence/Guardrail 0 Service requests/work orders 33	GA-400 North of I-285 Interchange	B+	N/A	
Completed 33 Dead animal removal 10 Trimming/Mowing 6 Litter/Debris 5	GA-400 South of I-285 – Interchange	А	N/A	N/A
	GA-400 Interchanges	Α-	Α-	N/A

## City Council Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the October 21, 2025, City Council Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website <u>HERE</u>.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 2026 Meeting and Holiday Dates

Council approved the 2026 schedule of meeting dates and 2026 City Holiday Observation.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### The Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA)

Council approved a MRPA certificate for a new home at 870 Edgewater Drive.

# Non-Binding Conceptual Job Cost Estimate with Georgia Power Company for Hammond Drive Corridor Improvements Project S2193

Council approved the non-binding agreement in the amount of \$905,000 for Georgia Power Company to proceed with planning and design of utility undergrounding on the new Hammond Drive alignment at Harleston Road, Kayron Drive and Lorell Terrace.

#### Supplemental Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Path 400

Council approved execution of Supplemental Agreement Number One with GDOT to add federal and local funds to the project agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection and Material Testing Services in the amount of \$1,774,380.40.

Construction Contract Award for the Mountain Creek Road Stormwater Maintenance Project Council approved award of the stormwater project to Excellere Construction in the amount of \$354,970.00. This is Phase 1 of planned stormwater maintenance work on Mountain Creek Road.

# Application to GDOT for Transportation Alternatives, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Funding Program

Council approved the submission of a candidate project to construct sidepath on Holcomb Bridge Road from Spalding Drive to the Chattahoochee River. The estimated total cost for the project is \$3,565,000 with a requested \$2,852,000 in program funds and a local match requirement of \$713,000. GDOT's award decision is expected in April 2026.

#### Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Georgia Power for Morgan Falls Dog Park

Council approved the second amendment to construct dog park improvements due to conductive materials being used with the improvements, including new shade structures.

#### Quitclaim Deed the Sandy Springs Historical Site to the Public Facilities Authority (PFA)

Council approved a resolution to quitclaim deed the Sandy Springs Historical Site, including the Williams Payne House, to the PFA.

## Public Facilities Authority Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the October 21, 2025, Public Facilities Authority Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website HERE.

#### SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Contract with Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, International, Inc. for Architectural Design and Engineering Services for the New Fire Stations No. 1, No. 4, and Renovations to Fire Station No. 3
The PFA approved the contract award in the amount of \$2,173,780.

#### Quitclaim Deed the Sandy Springs Historical Site to the Public Facilities Authority (PFA)

The PFA approved a resolution to accept a quitclaim deed to the property, including the Williams Payne House, from the City of Sandy Springs.

#### Resolution to Negotiate a Lease Agreement with Summit Sandy Springs, LLC

The PFA approved a resolution to authorize the Public Facilities Authority General Manager to negotiate and execute a lease with Summit Coffee to operate the Williams Payne House and immediately adjacent outdoor spaces. Summit Coffee will operate a food and beverage concept and offer seasonal ice cream. Over the initial 10-year term, Staff estimate the total value gained for the City to be approximately \$788,094.



Resolution to Approve and Accept the Settlement and Dismissal of the Civil Action Styled Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority v. Rosser International, Inc.

The PFA approved and accepted the settlement agreement and release, accepting a payment to the Authority in an amount of \$900,000.

# **RECREATION AND PARKS**

# Major Projects in Sandy Springs

The Nonprofit Arts and Recreation Grant Request for Proposals is now available on the City's Portal.

**Sandy Springs Racquet Center Pergola renovation** – A vendor has been selected for the aluminum canopies that will replace the deteriorated pergola structures. Demolition and installation of the new canopies is scheduled to begin within the next four weeks.

Morgan Falls Dog Park - The new lease amendment with Georgia Power authorizing renovations to the dog park has been approved by Council. Staff have received three bids for the new waterline installation and are in the process of evaluating them. A request for a new meter has been submitted to Atlanta Watershed, and installation is expected soon.

Abernathy Arts Center - Construction is underway on the Pottery Building remodel.

**Abernathy Greenway South Improvements** - GDOT is coordinating with the City on the request for the property transfer needed to convey the land to the City for construction of the Greenway project.

Morgan Falls Athletic Complex Phase III Improvements - Design team is finalizing the design of athletic fields, amenities, and features for the upcoming renovation. Coordination is underway with Steel Canyon Golf Course to ensure the storm drainage improvements do not impact golf course operations. Coordination will be needed with GA EPD due to the landfill history of the area.

**Old Riverside Park Development -** The restroom plans have been approved and stamped by the City. The design team will submit the project drawings to the staff for approval as coordination begins with procurement staff to solicit bids.

**Trail Segment 2C -** Staff are working with design team to develop a design for Trail 2C that addresses local residents' concerns. The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program grant application has been completed and submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

#### Maintenance/Landscaping Projects:

- Sidewalk concrete repair took place at Morgan Falls Athletic Complex to remove damaged and uneven concrete
  sections to ensure a safe and smooth walking surface for visitors. All work was carried out with minimal
  disruption to public access and complies with ADA standards for pedestrian pathways.
- The "Spider" playground structure at Abernathy Greenway North Park was thoroughly pressure washed to remove accumulated dirt, surface rust, and flaking paint. All loose and deteriorated paint was carefully stripped to ensure proper adhesion of the new coating. The structure was then repainted using a high-quality, weatherresistant outdoor paint in the existing original color to maintain its intended design and appearance.

### Past Programming Highlights

- Paws and Pastries had its largest turn out on October 18 at Morgan Falls Dog Park with 153 people and 107 dogs!
- The Optimist Club held Kids' in the Parks Day at Hammond Park turf field. There were 175 attendees to participate in fall themed games and pumpkin decorating. Two new attractions this year included Home Depot Kids Craft station and a bubble show.
- The quarterly bird walk with Birds GA took place at Morgan Falls Overlook Park and the Springway Trail. There were 15 birder attendees

### **Upcoming Programs and Events**

- Youth Basketball Skills Clinic: Registration open for new youth basketball training clinic. Boys and girls ages 9-14 years are welcome to boost confidence and master the game. Join the fun training sessions focused on sharpening your shooting, dribbling, and defensive skills. November 3rd December 10th at Cumberland Academy.
- The annual <u>Holiday Hoops Challenge</u> is open for registration for youth 6th to 8th grade. Friday, December 12 at Sandy Springs Middle School.

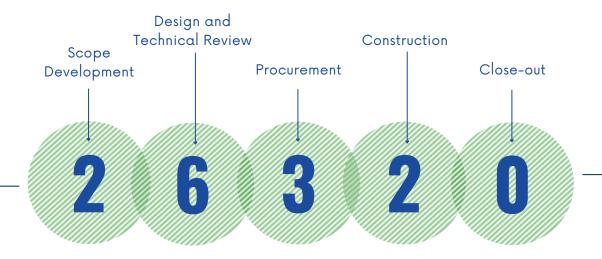
# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Oct 9: Staff led 30 person volunteer group from Avison Young, who removed Japanese stilt grass from Big Trees Forest Preserve in collaboration with Sam Hale from the Board of Big Trees.
- Oct 9: Staff led Youth Leadership Sandy Springs Cohort with Lori Peljovich focused on sustainable cities project/initiative. Students were placed into groups tasked with creating a sustainable city with a given budget, geographic limitations, and sustainability goals.
- Oct 18: Staff led 20 volunteers in conjunction with Steve Mercante from the Board of Big Trees. Group was
  recruited through an effort from the Sandy Springs Civic Round Table as a part of Sandy Springs 20th
  anniversary celebration and its "20 Ways to Connect" initiative. Japanese stilt grass, perilla, and privet were
  removed.
- Oct 18: Staff participated in the International Society of Arboriculture's Credentialing Council as a voting member of the council. This allowed staff to understand the future of arboriculture and urban forestry, and how the industry is evolving. This gives staff a picture of how regional and national efforts will be shaped, and how the landscape may influence Sandy Springs.

### STORMWATER PROJECT SUMMARY



# A FULL LIST OF STORMWATER PROJECTS ALONG WITH UPDATES CAN BE FOUND <u>HERE</u>



# **PERMITS AND P&Z**





#### **NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS**



#### **PERMITS ISSUED**



#### PLANNING AND ZONING HIGHLIGHTS

#### October 9, 2025

City planning staff LaQuita Williams, presented at Georgia Planning Association's (GPA) Creative Documentation Mobile Workshop, Writing the Commons, in Athens, GA.

#### October 17, 2025

For the Citywide Design Guidelines project, City staff conducted pop-up events with informational boards about the project at The Prado Shopping Center and Chastain Market to publicize the project and encourage participation on the public input survey.

Information about active zoning cases can be found on the Zoning Cases Map.

# **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

	Address	Enforcement Effort	Violation	Compliance/ Court Date
1	2090 Dunwoody Club Dr.	Notice of violation	Trash.	9-Oct
1	8601 Roberts Dr.	Notice of violation	Apartment violations.	16-Oct
1	8842 Long Beach Cir.	Notice of violation	High grass & weeds.	17-Nov
1	8849 Long Beach Cir.	Notice of violation	Multiple violations.	17-Nov
1	8837 Long Beach Cir.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	17-Nov
1	510 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	512 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	514 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	522 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	524 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	530 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	536 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	507 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	515 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	517 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
1	519 Granite Ridge Pl.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	30-Oct
2	7884 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Screening.	17-Nov
3	6280 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.	Notice of violation	Signage.	15-Oct
3	6205 River Shore Pkwy.	Notice of violation	Multiple violations.	27-Oct
3	198 Johnson Ferry Rd.	Notice of violation	Working without a permit.	20-Oct
3	640 Hammond Dr.	Citation	Parking.	17-Nov
4	1055 Brentwood Way	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	17-Oct
4	7505 Roswell Rd.	Citation	Screening.	17-Nov
4	4804 Treelodge Pkwy.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	27-Oct
5	5675 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Multiple violations.	15-Nov
5	425 Windsor Pkwy.	Citation	High grass & weeds.	17-Nov
5	789 Hammond Dr.	Notice of violation	Multiple violations.	17-Oct
5	111 Glenridge Point Pkwy.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	8-Dec
5	1115 Springwood Conn.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	9-Dec
5	5501 Glenridge Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	10-Dec
6	6265 Old Hickory Pt.	Notice of violation	Vacant structure.	28-Oct
6	20 Mt. Paran Rd.	Citation	Inoperable motor vehicle.	17-Nov
6	201 Northwood Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	15-Dec
6	55 Northwood Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	16-Dec
4	O Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Urban camping.	10-Oct
4	6521 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Screening.	22-Oct
4	6509 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Screening.	22-Oct
4	6639 Cherry Tree Ln.	Notice of violation	Sanitation.	10-Oct
5	425 Windsor Pkwy.	Notice of violation	Grass & weeds.	29-Sep
5	1 Concourse Pkwy.	Citation	Business license.	20-Oct
5	6 Concourse Pkwy.	Citation	Business license.	20-Oct
5	1005 Hammond Dr.	Notice of violation	Vacant property, grass & weeds.	26-Sep
5	445 Forest Hills Dr.	Allegation letter	Short term rental.	18-Sep
5	742 Starlight Ct.	Notice of violation	Working without a permit.	30-Sep
5	960 W. Kingston Dr.	Notice of violation	Working without a permit.	17-Oct
5	1125 Hammond Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	17-Oct
5	5501 Glenridge Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	17-Oct
5	5755 Glenridge Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	3-Dec
6	20 Mt. Paran Rd.	Notice of violation	Unlicensed vehicle.	30-Sep
6	4600 Roswell Rd.	Notice of violation	Apartment violation.	10-Oct
6	940 Mt. Vernon Hwy.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance.	10-Oct
6	66 Northwood Dr.	Notice of violation	Property maintenance inspection -MRH	2-Dec

# PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND SIGNATURE EVENTS

#### **OKTOBERFEAST**

The annual OktoberFeast celebration took place October 18-19, drawing approximately 2,000 attendees. Beautiful weather provided the perfect backdrop for the outdoor celebration. The ice cream parade emerged as a standout success, delighting attendees of all ages with its whimsical energy. The band delivered an amazing performance. A key enhancement this year was the tent, which created a perfect atmosphere.







#### OTHER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER HAPPENINGS

#### Funny Fridays (10/17)

Funny Fridays made its comeback after a month-long break, delivering a night full of laughs with host Joel Byars and comedians Carter Deems, Christin Neal, and Wellington Ojukwu.

#### Dog Man: The Musical (10/11 - 10/12)

The high-energy production, based on Dav Pilkey's popular children's book series, brought the beloved half-dog, halfpoliceman character to life with catchy songs, colorful sets, and nonstop action.

# The Sandy Springs Foundation's 20th Anniversary Celebration (10/9)

The evening featured gourmet cuisine, signature cocktails, live music, special guests, and a thoughtfully curated silent auction — a memorable celebration of two decades of community!



